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USSR SHIPS GOODS TO GDR

IMPORT FOOD, WOOL FROM USSR -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 17 - 19 Oct 50

Under the foreign trade agreement between the German Democratic Republic and the USSR, 31 carloads of butter from the USSR have arrived in Leipzig. This food delivery is to go to the population of Sachsen. Other shipments of butter and fats which have arrived in the cold-storage houses in Leipzig within the last few days will be shipped to points in Thueringen and Sachsen-Anhalt.

A shipment of 234 carloads of beef and pork arrived in Leipzig between 1 and 13 October. On this shipment, 43 carloads arrived on 6 October.

A shipment of 27 carloads (393 tons) of butter has arrived in Chemnitz from the USSR. The butter will be used to supply the population of Chemnitz and the Chemnitz Landkreis.

Five carloads of butter, amounting to approximately 100 tons, have arrived in Magdeburg from the USSR within the last few days. An additional six carloads of lard, amounting to 120 tons, have arrived from Poland.

Furthermore, shipments of 40 tons of carpet wool from the USSR have arrived at the Halbmund United Carpet Weaving Mills in Oelsnitz since the beginning of October. A new weaving machine has been installed in this establishment which can turn out carpets up to a width of 13 meters.

EAST GERMANY SUFFERS POTATO SHORTAGE -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 30 Oct 50

Berlin, 29 October -- The SED organ, Neues Deutschland, demands immediate measures to end the serious shortage of potatoes in East Germany.

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The newspaper claims that there are farmers all over East Germany who have not "fulfilled their duty" and that up to 95 percent of them are behind schedule in their potato deliveries. The newspaper also accuses local authorities charged with the collection and distribution of potatoes of "negligence and bureaucracy." The grain delivery situation is almost as precarious, the newspaper states, adding that as of 15 October the farmers had filled their delivery quotas only 69 percent, as compared with 99 percent by the same date last year.

ELECTRIC BULB SHORTAGE CAUSES SLOWDOWN -- Weimar, Das Volk, 1 Nov 50

A shortage of light bulbs caused a slowdown at the people-owned Thuringen Worsted Yarn Spinning Mill in Muehlhausen, since production had to be reduced to a single shift. There are 4,500 electric sockets in the factory, but only 90 electric bulbs were supplied during October 1950.

SPARROWS TO BE EXTERMINATED -- Stockholm, Svenska Dagbladet, 16 Nov 1950

Berlin, 15 November -- Sparrows have been officially stamped economic criminals in the Soviet Zone, and will now be hunted down and mercilessly exterminated. Sparrows have stolen seed valued at several million marks from the East German people.

Statisticians have estimated that one sparrow eats 2.5 kilograms of seed per year. There are millions of these parasites in East Germany alone, the East Berlin press writes, simultaneously announcing the government's purge program. Horses used to provide the sparrows' food supply, but now there aren't enough horses. The sparrows go instead to gardens and farms. Scarecrows don't do much good, the Berliner Zeitung reports.

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